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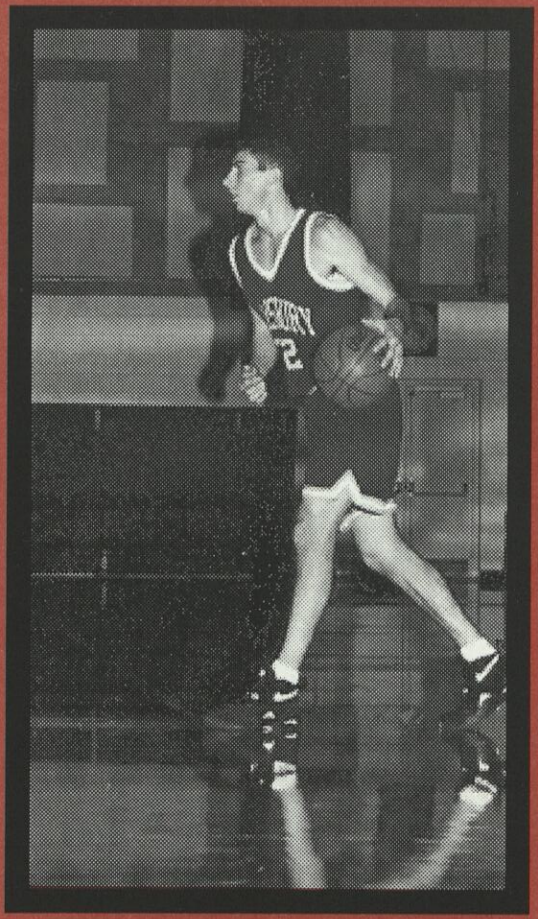


MEN'S BASKETBALL

1996-97

SSU at a glance

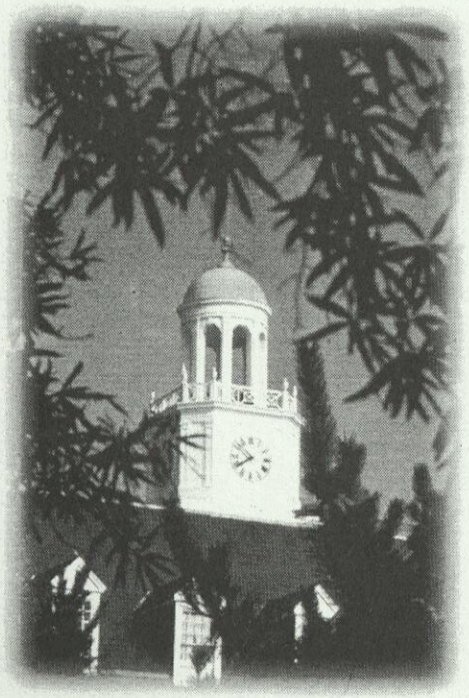
The resources of a University ...
6,000 students from 43 states and 29 foreign countries
29 undergraduate and 7 graduate programs
200 full-time tenure-track faculty, 85 percent with terminal degrees, including National Endowment for the Humanities scholars and Fulbright professors.
NCAA Division III Athletics, 9 men's, 10 women's intercollegiate teams; 22 intramural sports

... with small-school opportunities.
Approachable faculty (17:1 student/faculty ratio)
Honors program with dedicated faculty at the Bellavance Honors Center. Ten residence complexes including traditional, co-ed, suite and apartment styles.

The security of state support ...
1997-98 tuition, room, board and fees: $8,952 per year for Maryland residents; $12,704 per year out-of-state.
A library with over 800,000 volumes, periodicals, microforms and databases including word processing and computer labs. Access to collections throughout the country.

... with the benefits of private funding.
Altogether, SSU awards nearly $750,000 in academic scholarships each year. More than $16 million in private endowments supports some of those scholarships and provides for some of the finest educational programs.

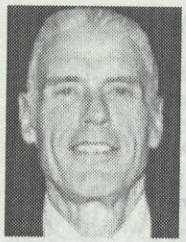
In an ideal–and idyllic–location:
Salisbury, MD, is 30 miles west of the Atlantic Ocean and Ocean City, MD, and 20 miles east of the Chesapeake Bay; 2 hours from Baltimore, Washington, D.C. and Wilmington, DE. The campus is 2 1/2 hours from Norfolk, VA, and Philadelphia, PA, and 4 1/2 hours from New York.



Come see us–in person, or in cyberspace. We'd love to see your smiling face, but if you can't get here, check out our Web site.
We're at **http://www.ssu.edu.**

SSU's campus is in an attractive, residential neighborhood of stately homes on sculpted lawns, less than one-half mile from the banks of the Wicomico River. The campus includes 34 buildings on 125 landscaped acres. Students walk from one end of campus to the other in about 5 minutes.

Ward Lambert Head Coach



With six winning campaigns in the last seven seasons, success is no stranger to Salisbury State Head Coach **Ward Lambert**, now in his 27th season at SSU. Lambert, the winningest coach in Sea Gull history, enters the 1996-97 campaign with a 368-316 career record. Over the past six seasons, his teams have posted 113 wins while earning three NCAA Tournament bids and claiming four conference championships. Lambert was honored as the Capital Athletic Conference's Coach of the Year in 1996 as he led Salisbury State to both the regular season and postseason championship.

Under his tutelage, the Sea Gulls have had 15 winning seasons, have notched double-figures in victories in 22 of 26 seasons and earned four NCAA Tournament bids. Included in that stretch is a record-setting 1991-92 season, when Lambert guided the Sea Gulls to a 28-2 record and second place ranking in the final Division III national poll that season. For his efforts, he was selected as the Atlantic District Coach of the Year, as well as the Eastern States Athletic Conference Coach of the Year.

During that memorable season, Lambert also reached a unique personal milestone among coaches, his 300th career win. The 1992 team set a school-record with 28 wins while also enjoying a nation's best 27-game winning streak. The Sea Gulls also produced the national Player of the Year that season.

Since the 1989-90 season, the Sea Gulls have been one of the highest scoring teams in the nation, utilizing an up-tempo, full-court pressure style of play. Lambert's 1989-90 team set a new NCAA Division III scoring record of 104.5 ppg, while last year's team finished second in the nation with a 98.4 scoring average.

A 1962 graduate of the University of Virginia, Lambert was a three-year varsity player on the Cavalier basketball team. He then received his master's degree from the University of Maryland in 1965 before entering the high school coaching ranks. Lambert posted an 85-24 record in six seasons at the prep level, including five successful seasons at Stephen Decatur HS on the Eastern Shore. In all, Lambert's squads captured one state title, one state second place and four county championships before he took over the reins of the SSU program in 1970.

Coach Lambert's Top Teams

(by winning percentage)

Season	Record	Pct.	Highlights
1991-92	28-2	.933	NCAA Quarterfinalists
			Ranked 2nd in the nation
			27-game winning streak
			ESAC Champions
1984-85	23-6	.793	Gull Classic Champions
			NCAA Tournament
			Ranked 10th in the nation
1990-91	22-7	.759	Gull Classic Champions
			ESAC Champions
			NCAA Tournament
1983-84	19-8	.704	Bobcat Classic Champions
			Gull Classic Champions
			CIAC & Tournament Champions

Assistant Coaches

Pat Williams

Allen Miller

Tom Costell

Mike Warner

Keith Brown, not pictured

SSU in the '90s

1990-91	22-7 *
1991-92	28-2 *
1992-93	18-8
1993-94	14-11
1994-95	12-13
1995-96	19-9 *

* NCAA Tournament

1996-97 Season Outlook

Gulls Look to Repeat as CAC Champions, Return to NCAA Tournament

Coming off a 19-9 campaign and the program's third trip to the NCAA Tournament in the last six years, the Sea Gulls are ranked 22nd in the nation in the preseason poll by *D-III News* and third in the Mid-Atlantic Region. The optimistic season outlook is based in part on the fact that Salisbury returns all five starters from last year's team which won the Capital Athletic Conference Championship. SSU won 11 straight and 14 of 15 down the stretch last year before losing to Franklin & Marshall in the opening round of the NCAA Division III Tournament. The biggest loss from last year's squad is the graduation of sixth man-supreme Casey Musick, who led the conference in scoring at 20.1 ppg and was the CAC's Player of the Year.

Fortunately for Salisbury, the cupboard is far from bare this year. Leading the returnees are senior forwards **Randy Clark** and **Bill Lancaster**, who both earned all-conference honors last year. The duo should provide a formidable inside combination once again. Clark, a three-year starter who earned first-team all-conference status as a junior, has been selected as a preseason honorable mention all-American by the *D-III News*. Lancaster was a second team all-conference pick in 1996 and will be among the top players in the league again this season. Junior forward **Gary Cucchi**, a co-captain, is the third returning starter in the frontcourt and provides hard-nosed defense and aggressiveness in the lineup.

In the backcourt, senior guard **John DeRichie** has led the team in three-point field goals each of the past two seasons and starts the year with 166 career treys, third best in team history. He returns for his third season as a starter. Sophomore point guard **Eric Prendeville** started 23 of 26 games as a rookie and finished with 151 assists and 63 steals. He will trigger SSU's transition game again this season.

Among the veterans off-the-bench are junior point guard **Matt Golden** and junior swingman **Tim Detwiler.** Both provide valuable minutes in Salisbury's full court attack. Newcomers who are expected to make immediate contributions include guards **Shawn Johnson** and **George Robinson** as well as junior forward **Brian McDermott**.

Head Coach **Ward Lambert**, beginning his 27th season at SSU, will once again employ the run-and-gun, up-tempo style that helped the Sea Gulls average 98.4 ppg last year, second highest in the nation. In addition to its 14-game conference slate, the Gulls face a stiff non-conference schedule that includes games against nationally ranked teams Richard Stockton, Christopher Newport and Buffalo State.

Sea Gull Quick Facts

Location	Salisbury, MD
Founded	1925
Enrollment	6,000
President	Dr. William C. Merwin
Colors	Maroon and Gold
Nickname	Sea Gulls
Affiliation	NCAA Division III, ECAC
Conference	Capital Athletic Conference (CAC)
Home Arena	Maggs Center
Capacity	2,000
Director of Athletics	Dr. Michael P. Vienna
Athletics Dept. Phone	410-548-3503
Sports Information Director	G. Paul Ohanian
SID Phone	410-543-6016
SID Fax	410-543-6068
Head Coach	Ward Lambert
Alma Mater	Virginia '62
Record at School, Years	368-316, 27th year
Overall Record	Same
Coach's Phone	410-548-2542

Players to Watch

RANDY CLARK
FORWARD
6-4 SENIOR
BOYDS, MD

A three-year starter, Clark earned all-conference first team honors in 1996...He was selected as a preseason honorable mention all-American candidate by *D-III News* this year...Averaged 13.0 ppg and 9.4 rebounds as a junior...Played and started every game during the 1995-96 season...Has increased his scoring totals each season and led the team in field goal percentage as both a sophomore and junior...Two-year team captain...Scored his 500th career point last season and should join the 500 rebound club early in the '96-97 campaign.

GARY CUCCHI
FORWARD
6-0 JUNIOR
ST. JAMES, NY

A hard-nosed and aggressive player who does the little things to help the team be successful...Playing his third season with the Sea Gulls...Became a starter midway through last season...Averaged 2.8 ppg and 2.1 rebounds...The team's top returning free throw shooter, converting 81.4% from the line last year...Provides the Gulls with valuable minutes as an interior defender and rebounder...Joins Clark as a team co-captain for the second straight year.

JOHN DeRICHIE
GUARD
6-3 SENIOR
SOMERS POINT, NJ

A four-year letterman who provides valuable perimeter scoring...Has led the team in three-point field goals each of the past two seasons...Starts his senior season with 166 career treys, third best in team history...Converted 74 of 219 (36.6%) shots from behind the arc during the '95-96 season...Has a chance to join the 1,000-point club with a strong senior campaign...Led the Sea Gulls and the conference in steals last year with 2.7/game...Also averaged 6.1 rebounds per game as a junior while starting all 28 games.

BILL LANCASTER
FORWARD
6-5 SENIOR
BERLIN, MD

Made a valuable contribution to the team in his first year...Finished second on the squad in scoring at 13.4 ppg and rebounding with 7.1/game...Earned second team all-Capital Athletic Conference honors... Started 20 of 28 games...Led the Gulls in scoring with 16 points in the NCAA Tournament game against Franklin & Marshall...An effective inside scorer who should challenge for first team all-conference honors this season...Runs the floor exceptionally well...Will team with Clark to provide SSU with a formidable inside combination this season.

ERIC PRENDEVILLE
GUARD
5-11 SOPHOMORE
BRICKTOWN, NJ

A welcome surprise during the '95-96 season who assumed control of the point guard position...Started 23 of 26 games he played while leading the team in assists with 6.0/game...Also finished third in the conference in assists and third in steals with 2.3/game...A solid free throw shooter who converted 72.8% from the line last year...Sees the floor well and makes solid decisions with the ball...Will be counted on to trigger SSU's transition game once again this season.

1996-97 Sea Gull Roster

No.	Name	Pos	Yr	Hgt	Wgt	Hometown	High School
4	Ali Azizikia	G	Fr	5-10	167	Gaithersburg, MD	Gaithersburg
10	Colin Exelby	G	Fr	6-3	165	Grand Rapids, MI	E. Grand Rapids
12	Matt Golden	G	Jr	5-9	160	Middletown, PA	Middletown Area
14	Eric Prendeville	G	So	5-11	182	Bricktown, NJ	St. Rose
20	George Robinson	G	Jr	5-10	160	Columbia, MD	Oakland Mills
22	Shawn Johnson	G	So	6-0	160	Snow Hill, MD	Snow Hill
24	Gary Cucchi	F	Jr	6-0	198	St. James, NY	Smithtown East
30	Tim Detwiler	G	Jr	6-0	164	Elkton, MD	Elkton
32	John DeRichie	G	Sr	6-3	172	Somers Point, NJ	Mainland Regional
34	Brian McDermott	F	Fr	6-3	193	Gaithersburg, MD	Gaithersburg
40	Cameron Bryant	C	Fr	6-5	192	Baltimore, MD	Randallstown
43	Randy Clark	F	Sr	6-5	197	Boyds, MD	Poolesville
44	Brett Gibbs	F	Fr	6-4	177	Richmond, VA	Trinity Episcopal
50	Bill Lancaster	F	Sr	6-5	205	Berlin, MD	Stephen Decatur
54	Chris Skipper	C	Fr	6-5	244	College Park, MD	Takoma Academy

Head Coach — Ward Lambert (27th year)

Assistants — Pat Williams, Allen Miller, Keith Brown, Mike Warner, Tom Costell

1995-96 in Review

As champions of the Capital Athletic Conference in 1996, Salisbury State earned an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Championship Tournament. SSU finished in a tie for first place during the CAC regular season with a 12-2 conference mark. Salisbury entered the CAC Tournament as the number two seed and swept three games to win the title and earn the automatic bid. SSU defeated Gallaudet (97-74), St. Mary's (124-81) and Marymount (93-81) as they claimed one of the 25 automatic qualifier spots awarded to conference champions.

The Gulls had made previous appearances in the NCAA field in 1985, 1991 and 1992. Salisbury's best tournament showing was in 1992 when the Gulls received a first-round bye, then posted wins over Kean and Salem State before losing in the national quarterfinal round to Jersey City State.

Salisbury State won its last 11 games entering the NCAA Tournament, and finished the year with a 19-4 mark after starting the season at 0-4. Salisbury's fast-paced attack finished the year as the second highest scoring team in the nation at 98.4 ppg. The Sea Gulls eclipsed the 100-point mark 14 times during the year, with a 12-2 record in those games. SSU was also 7-1 in games it scored 110 or better; 4-0 in games of 120 or more; and 1-0 when scoring over 130 points.

SSU Picked as CAC Favorite in 1996-97

With five returning starters from last year's conference championship team, Salisbury State has been tabbed as the preseason favorite to win the title again this season. Listed below are the results of the preseason poll, as voted upon by the CAC's head coaches. Also included is Salisbury's all-time record against each conference member. Although SSU joined the conference for basketball in 1994, it has played several of these teams for many years prior to its conference affiliation.

	Series Record
1) Salisbury State	x x x x x
2) Catholic	SSU trails 9-11
3) Goucher	series tied 2-2
4) Marymount	SSU leads 5-0
5) St. Mary's	SSU leads 31-9
6) Gallaudet	SSU trails 11-12
7) York	SSU leads 17-13
8) Mary Washington	SSU leads 15-11

SSU Recordbook

Individual Records

Most Points

Career	2940	Andre Foreman	1987-92
Season	914	Andre Foreman	1990-91
Game	52	Andre Foreman vs. Wesley, 2-12-92	

Most Rebounds

Career	1313	Andre Foreman	1987-92
Season	482	Howard Shockley	1973-74
Game	37	Howard Shockley vs. Loyola, 2-12-74	

Most Assists

Career	538	Scott Smith	1981-85
Season	246	Russell Springmann	1989-90
Game	19	Rick Sheets vs. Spring Garden, 12-6-86	

Most 3-PT Shots Made

Career	251	David Byer	1987-92
Season	91	David Byer	1990-91
Game	9	Dameon Ross vs. CCNY, 12-5-91	

Most Steals

Career	261	Andre Foreman	1987-92
Season	96	Andre Foreman	1991-92
Game	10	Ron Dixon vs. Baltimore, 1-9-75	

Most Blocked Shots

Career	299	Howard Shockley	1973-76
Season	132	Howard Shockley	1973-74
Game	12	Howard Shockley vs. Spring Garden 12-21-73	

Team Records - Single Game

Most Points	141 vs. Eastern, 1989-90
Most Field Goals Made	55 vs. Wilmington, 1971-72
Most Free Throws Made	42 vs. Frostburg State, 1993-94
Most Free Throws Attempted	56 vs. Mary Washington, 1995-96
Most 3-PT Field Goals made	18 vs. Wesley, 1993-94
Fewest Points Allowed	34 vs. John Jay, 1979-80
Most Rebounds	85 vs. Western Maryland, 1968-69
Most Assists	39 vs. Philadelphia Bible, 1971-72 vs. York, 1972-73
Most Steals	28 vs. NC Wesleyan, 1995-96
Most Blocked Shots	14 vs. Spring Garden, 1973-74
Largest Margin of Victory	50 points vs. CCNY, 1991-92

Career Scoring Leaders

Name	Yrs	Pts
Andre Foreman	1987-92	2940*
Juan Gabourel	1976-80	2064
Dameon Ross	1991-94	1994
John Berens	1978-82	1519
Howard Shockley	1973-76	1519
Ron Gore	1965-69	1495
Scott Smith	1981-85	1420
Kyle Jefferson	1991-95	1419
David Byer	1987-91	1384
Dave Pritchett	1982-86	1293
Ron Pritchett	1984-87	1257
Casey Musick	1993-96	1207
Tyrone Mills	1974-78	1151
Tim Sponaugle	1980-83	1150
Kevin Cromer	1989-93	1138

* Foreman's total of 2,940 is also the NCAA Division III scoring record.

Career Rebound Leaders

Name	Yrs	Rebnds
Andre Foreman	1987-92	1313
Howard Shockley	1973-76	1299
Ron Gore	1965-69	1250
Milt Purnell	1970-73	1168
John Berens	1978-82	934
Kevin Cromer	1989-93	762
Sylvester Burke	1971-75	751
Kyle Jefferson	1991-95	665
Ed Jones	1982-85	658
Pat Conway	1966-70	630

1996-97 Sea Gull Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	H/A	Site	Time
NOV 22	Fri	LYNCHBURG TOURNAMENT	A	Lynchburg, VA	
		SSU vs. Richard Stockton			6 p.m.
		Lynchburg vs. Averet			8 p.m.
23	Sat	Consolation Game			6 p.m.
		Championship Game			8 p.m.
26	Tue	WASHINGTON	H	MAGGS CENTER	7:30 p.m.
DEC 4	Wed	CATHOLIC *	H	MAGGS CENTER	7:30 p.m.
6	Fri	SALISBURY OPTIMIST GULL CLASSIC	H	MAGGS CENTER	
		Chowan vs. Lincoln			3 p.m.
		SSU vs. Villa Julie			8 p.m.
7	Sat	Consolation Game			3 p.m.
		Championship Game			8 p.m.
10	Tue	YORK *	H	MAGGS CENTER	7:30 p.m.
14	Sat	Christopher Newport	A	Newport News, VA	7:30 p.m.
JAN 10	Fri	LEBANON VALLEY TOURNAMENT	A	Annville, PA	
		SSU vs. Buffalo State			6 p.m.
		Lebanon Valley vs. Gettysburg			8 p.m.
11	Sat	Consolation Game			1 p.m.
		Championship Game			3 p.m.
13	Mon	Virginia Wesleyan	A	Norfolk, VA	7:30 p.m.
15	Wed	Gallaudet *	A	Washington, D.C.	7:30 p.m.
18	Sat	GOUCHER *	H	MAGGS CENTER	4 p.m.
22	Wed	MARYMOUNT *	H	MAGGS CENTER	7:30 p.m.
25	Sat	Mary Washington *	A	Fredericksburg, VA	2 p.m.
29	Wed	Catholic *	A	Washington, D.C.	8 p.m.
FEB 1	Sat	ST. MARY'S *	H	MAGGS CENTER	2 p.m.
5	Wed	GALLAUDET *	H	MAGGS CENTER	7:30 p.m.
8	Sat	York *	A	York, PA	7:30 p.m.
10	Mon	WESLEY	H	MAGGS CENTER	7:30 p.m.
12	Wed	Goucher *	A	Towson, MD	8 p.m.
15	Sat	MARY WASHINGTON *	H	MAGGS CENTER	7:30 p.m.
18	Tue	Marymount *	A	Arlington, VA	8 p.m.
22	Sat	St. Mary's *	A	St. Mary's City, MD	6 p.m.
25	Tue	CAC TOURNAMENT - Quarterfinals		TBA	
27	Thu	CAC TOURNAMENT - Semifinals		TBA	
MAR 1	Sat	CAC TOURNAMENT - Championship		TBA	

* Indicates Capital Athletic Conference game

1996 Capital Athletic Conference Champions
NCAA Tournament 1985, 1991, 1992, 1996

SSU's Athletics Philosophy

Salisbury State University, a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's (NCAA) Division III, offers 19 intercollegiate sports for men and women. In addition to NCAA membership, SSU competes as a member of the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) and the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC).

As a member of the NCAA's Division III, Salisbury State places the highest priority on the overall quality of the educational experience. In doing so, it seeks to strengthen the integration of objectives and programs in athletics with academic and developmental objectives, and to assure the integration of athletes with other students.

SSU places special importance on the impact of athletics on the participants, with emphasis on the internal constituency (students, alumni and special friends) rather than on the general public and its entertainment needs.

The SSU athletics program is further characterized by the following principles:

- Participants receive the same treatment as other students. They have no unique privileges in admission, academic advising, course selection, grading, living accommodations or financial aid. Similarly, athletes are not denied rights and opportunities that would be available to them as non-athletes.

- Sports for men and women are given equal emphasis and the desired quality of competition is similar in all sports.

- Students are supported in their efforts to reach high levels of performance by providing them with adequate facilities, competent coaching and appropriate competitive opportunities with students from similar institutions.

- SSU strives to make the student-athlete's participation in intercollegiate athletics an enriching experience, and holds genuine concern for each participant's welfare. The intercollegiate program's foremost goal at all times is to supplement and enrich the first priority of the University, which is academic accomplishment.

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